

# **Fayette County Parks & Recreation**

## **End of Year Report – 2008**

### **Department Purpose**

The Fayette County Parks and Recreation Department's purpose is to strengthen the community by providing experiences that promote healthy lifestyles, connect family and neighbors, encourage lifelong learning and celebrate life. The Department offers programs, sports, services, and events that help make Fayette County a quality place to live, work, play, and visit. This annual report provides an overview of the accomplishments of the Fayette County Parks and Recreation Department for January 1 through December 31, 2008.

### **Mission Statement**

The Mission of the Fayette County Parks and Recreation is to make visible and maintain quality park facilities and recreation programs that will meet the needs of our citizens regardless of age, sex, race, or national origin, including people with disabilities.

The Fayette County Parks & Recreation Department recognizes the vital role of its employees in the delivery of recreation services. To that end, a team approach has been implemented that encourages employee involvement in problem solving, program and project planning, and training opportunities.

With four parks located in Fayette County, a wide range of activities are offered in each location. Residents are never at a loss to find something fun and interesting to do. Walking paths and trails in the parks are utilized at all hours of the day from sunrise to sunset and tracking of the numbers is not possible unless a staff member is present at all times.

### **Kiwanis Park**

Kiwanis Park with 45 acres is located in the south of the City of Fayetteville on Redwine Road. The park provides 11 baseball fields and is primarily used by the Fayette County Baseball Association. In addition to these fields are 4 tennis courts, basketball court, playground and picnic pavilion, and an adjacent walking trail to the park. Additional activities held in the park are the annual yard sale held twice a year and a movie in the park. Sufficient parking is readily available in the front area as well as the back of the park. This park contains two indoor facilities (Kiwanis Center and Activities House) which are used for various classes and organized programs.

### **Kiwanis Center**

Activities offered include summer camps, little t-ball camp, dance classes, therapeutic activities, pee wee tennis, dog obedience, archery, karate, table tennis, various department meetings, and the annual County Employee Luncheon. Programs for the intellectually disabled are offered on a continuous basis along with the youth associations registration held at various times throughout the year. The Recreation Center is one the busiest and most diversely used park buildings in Fayette County.

### **Activities House**

The Activities House has a variety of different programs offered in the community room and the additional room in the basement. Manager's meetings, AARP driver safety programs, yoga, pilates, watercolor/oil painting classes, senior potluck luncheons, babysitting courses, AED/CPR classes, and basketball association registrations. Information on each association is provided by staff and a mailbox is set-up for their registrations. Special Olympic meetings, program registration, GED courses and the offices of the staff complete the remainder of building use.

### **Kenwood Park**

Kenwood Park with 172 acres is located in the extreme northern portion of the county near the Kenwood Community. A portion of this site is restricted in conservation and can only be developed for passive recreation to preserve the natural habitat. Phase I of the development has been completed and sits on 65 acres. Park amenities include tennis courts, basketball courts, multi-use field with a track, sand volleyball courts, picnic facilities and walking trails. Phase II and III of development will be completed as determined in the Board of Commission approved budget. Department activities conducted at the park include tennis classes, basketball programs, sand volleyball, and adult soccer.

### **McCurry Park**

McCurry Park has 130 acres and is focused on active recreation. The park provides the community with 12 soccer fields, 7 softball fields, 2 football game fields, 1 practice football field, 4 playgrounds, 3 miles of walking/jogging trails, track, ropes climbing area, and a multi-use field. The park provides for passive recreation with 7 uncovered and 4 covered picnic areas and a large group pavilion. Many sites provide permanent barbeque grills. A variety of department activities in the park include disc golf tournaments, Public Safety Competitions, movie in the park, as well as being the home of the Fayette County Football, Soccer, and Softball Associations. The park hosts a variety of tournaments throughout the year as well as activities for various schools.

### **Brooks Park**

Brooks Park at 17 acres is the smallest park operated by the Fayette County Parks and Recreation Department. Centrally located within the Town of Brooks it is home to the Brooks Baseball and Softball Associations which primarily use 3 baseball and 2 softball fields. The department offered a movie in the park. In addition to these fields there is a playground, picnic shelter, and a newly constructed concession stand and restroom facility. The park is easily accessible by foot or bike and has limited parking.

### **Kelly Park**

This 10.5 acre track of land is undeveloped at this time.

### **Staff Responsibilities**

The Parks and Recreation Department is comprised of six full-time positions divided into administration, athletics, therapeutics, and programming. The programmer and therapeutic staff plan, organize, and schedule classes, workshops, summer camps, and special events. The athletic staff offers classes and leagues for adults and youth throughout the year. The receptionist coordinates rentals of recreation facilities such as company picnics, family reunions, birthday parties, and sporting events. Registration is handled by her as well. All staff assists with rentals and registration when needed. Brochures are compiled three times a year in house and staff is responsible for compiling information in a timely manner to meet all deadlines. Reports are submitted by all staff to assist with providing yearly participation numbers. Staff is responsible for spreading awareness of the park system and programs through publications, web site, media relations, public speaking, and marketing strategies.

### **Benefits to the Fayette County Community in 2008:**

1. Provided activities that were safe and wholesome in nature to promote healthy lifestyles, connect family and neighbors, encourage lifelong learning, and celebrate life.
2. Provided opportunities for the family to interact together.
3. Provided health and fitness opportunities for the community.
4. Provided for an atmosphere of leisure.
5. Provided information to educate the community about the benefits of leisure.
6. Provided an opportunity to the community to give their input concerning programming.
7. Provided opportunities for self-expression of individuals and to promote self-esteem.
8. Provided opportunities that promote an economic boost to the community.
9. Provided for an atmosphere of competition for those who wanted competition and an atmosphere of non-competitiveness for those who did not.
10. Provided an opportunity for social and cultural interaction within the community
11. Provided educational and learning opportunities for all ages in the community.
12. Provided the opportunity for the community to learn and participate in life long skill activities.
13. Provided the opportunity for organizations in the community to share their experience with others.
14. Promoted cooperation, teamwork and sportsmanship.
15. Provided the opportunity for participants to meet and make new friends.

### **2008 Parks & Recreation Sponsored Programs**

Therapeutic Activities & Trips	Special Olympic Competitions
Golf Cart Safety	Self-Defense Classes
Individual Safety	TR Golf Cart Safety
Little Hit's	Little T-Ball Camp
Boys/Girls Basketball Camp	Little Sluggers
Little Hooper's	First Kicks
Toddler Olympics	Overnight Trips twice a year
Olympic Track Competition	Nature Programs
Senior Monthly Trips	Red Hat Club
Annual Senior Luncheon	Collage with Pokey
Watercolor & Oil Painting	Adult & Children's Pottery
Open Art Studio	Open Pottery Studio
Elements of Upholstery	Jeanetics
Summer Wrestling Camp	Football Camp
Cheerleading Classes	British Soccer Camps
Romeo Club	Disc Golf Clinic
Caning Classes	Acting Craze
Dog/Rally Obedience	Train Show
Movies in the Park	Dancercise
Pilates	Yoga
Get Fit Boot Camps	Pee Wee/Youth/Adult Tennis
Adult Table Tennis	Public Safety Games
Elementary School Age Volleyball	Middle School Age Volleyball
High School Age Volleyball	Summer Day Camps
Open Gym Basketball	Adult Church & Coed Basketball
Open Gym Volleyball	Adult Coed & Reverse Volleyball
Adult Recreational Soccer	Adult Softball
Disc Golf Tournaments and Clinics	Sand Volleyball
Adult Flag Football	Punt, Pass, & Kick Competition
Tree Climbing	Women's Car Maintenance
Guitar Hero Tournament	Senior 50's Sock Hop
Amateur Photo Contest	Twice Yearly Community Yard Sale
Toddler Olympics	GEOCACHING
Youth Track Program	3 Point Basketball Tournament
Youth Flag Football	One Pitch Softball Tournament
Tennis Ladder	Basketball 101
Rock U	Karate
Filipino Combative	Weight Loss Warriors
Poker Walk	Bocce Ball
Bridal Class	Cooking Class
Theatre Shows	Cultural/Ethnic Trips
Partner in the Park	Kite Making

Monster Puppets  
 Language Classes  
 Build a Bird Feeder  
 Basics of Sewing  
 Glass Etching  
 Wood Burning  
 Bunco  
 Culinary Trips  
 Portrait Sketching  
 Quarterback School  
 Letter to Santa  
 Fantasy in Lights  
 TR Stone Mountain Trip  
 Line Dancing  
 AED/CPR Training

Youth Art Classes  
 Winter Break Camps  
 DIY Denim  
 Staging Your House to Sell  
 Clock Making  
 Holiday Bazaar  
 Paranormal Class  
 Chinese Painting  
 Women's Self Defense  
 Youth Lacrosse  
 Breakfast with the Grinch  
 Christmas Governor's Mansion  
 Holiday Home Decorating Contest  
 Dancercise

The number of programs offered in 2008 increased by 28, and the percentage of programs that actually made was @ **61.31%** as opposed to **56.76 %** in 2007.

Children's pottery, therapeutic programs, adult trips, youth volleyball, yoga, driver safety, watercolor/oil, and community education programs contributed to the rise in participants. The addition of a Lacrosse Camp and a Track Program were also a factor.

#### **Revenue Based Programs**

Revenue based programs increased despite the declining economy and participation numbers rose significantly in 2008.

<b>Revenues</b>	<b>\$139,192.09</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$104,626.33</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$34, 565.76</b>
<b>Net Percentage</b>	<b>24.83%</b>
<b>Participation #'s</b>	<b>4279</b>

The department requires a 20% net percentage for all programs. This amount was exceeded by 4.85%. Participation numbers rose by **1470** from last year which was a **34% increase in participation** from last year.

#### **Non-Revenue Based Programs**

Non-revenue programs such as background checks, National Youth Sports Certification, Table Tennis, and Special Programs such as Movies in the Park, Senior Luncheon, Train Shows, and Special Olympic Competitions are not included in the program numbers.

<b>Participation #'s</b>	<b>3317</b>	<b>36% increase in participation numbers</b>
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Participation numbers rose by **1206** participants which is a **36% increase in participation** from last year.

### Adult Leagues

As with the programs adult leagues have shown an increase as well with participation. A 20% net percentage for all programs applies for leagues as well. This amount was exceeded by 3.94%. Participation numbers rose by 255 which is a **20% increase in participation numbers from last year.**

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>\$35,400.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$26,926.56</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$8,473.44</b>
<b>Net Percentage</b>	<b>23.94%</b>
<b>Participation #'s</b>	<b>1251</b>

### Red Hat Membership

The Red Hat Club is conducted by the Parks and Recreation Department. The purpose of this organization is none, only to provide an opportunity for the senior population to wear unusual colors and visit different locations around Atlanta for lunch. Registration is conducted through the department for \$5 each year. Participants are responsible for their meals plus a small surcharge for transportation purposes. This program is a great promotion for the adult trips, theatre, and activities. Dues of \$39 are made each year to the National Red Hat Society.

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>\$355.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$63.95</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$291.05</b>
<b>Net Percentage</b>	<b>81.99%</b>
<b>Participation #'s</b>	<b>69</b>

### Partnerships

The Parks and Recreation Department continues to support youth athletics by contracting with seven associations. Associations are required to complete a contract each year to utilize the sport fields and facilities. They must abide by the terms in the contract, organize their program, and provide financial resources to enhance or add amenities to the parks. The department assists by preparing and maintaining playing fields during each respective sport season and assisting with registrations. Assistance with registration consists of providing locations for registration, placing information on cable channel, directing calls to association contacts. Complaints are handled by the association with assistance provided as needed. Youth Association Board Members consist solely of volunteer parents who devote their time and efforts to offer the children in the county an opportunity to participate in organized sports. Parks and Recreation staff attends board meetings each month to monitor and communicate concerns. The department conducted **961 background checks** for the coaches and board members. National Youth Sports Coaching Certification is also offered by our department.

#### ***Contracted associations are:***

Fayette County Youth Baseball	Fayette County Youth Basketball
Fayette County Youth Football/Cheerleading	Fayette County Youth Soccer
Fayette County Youth Track & Field	Fayette County Youth Softball
Brooks Baseball, Softball, Football, Cheerleading	Fayette County Archery

## Youth Association Numbers

SEASON	SPORTS	FAYETTEVILLE	UNICORPORATED	BROOKS	TYRONE	PTC	WOOLSEY	ANOTHER COUNTY	TOTALS
Winter	Basketball	178	148	11	16	17	0	32	402
Spring	Basketball	29	25	1	2	38	0	6	101
Spring	Baseball	264	493	15	34	97	0	0	903
Spring	Lighting Soccer	146	16	5	4	105	0	154	430
Spring	Recreation Soccer	402	51	17	10	5	0	45	530
Spring	FFC Soccer	43	3	2	2	3	0	8	61
Spring	Softball	53	58	6	0	2	0	13	132
Spring	Brooks Baseball	8	88	84	0	3	0	64	247
Spring	Brooks Softball	7	33	6	0	0	0	15	61
Spring	Track	54	21	3	5	3	0	0	86
Spring	Volleyball	39	17	0	8	36	1	1	102
Summer	Track	13	4	0	0	0	0	2	19
Fall	Baseball								
Fall	Cheerleading	63	8	27	3	6	12	37	156
Fall	Football	114	57	22	7	9	17	111	337
Fall	Lighting Soccer	127	6	3	3	102	0	175	416
Fall	Recreation Soccer	401	20	12	16	5	0	88	542
Fall	FFC Soccer	63	1	2	5	2	0	12	85
Fall	Softball	41	22	4	0	3	0	18	88
Fall	Brooks Baseball	3	37	28	0	0	0	19	87
Fall	Brooks Football	63	0	40	0	2	0	78	183
Fall	Brooks Softball	7	33	6	0	0	0	15	61
Fall	Brooks Cheerleading	14	1	20	0	0	1	31	67
Fall	Volleyball	26	9	1	4	27	0	0	67
	Archery	4	0	0	0	13	0	7	24
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>2162</b>	<b>1151</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>931</b>	<b>5187</b>
<b>% of residents</b>		<b>42%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>100%</b>

- Track and field was administered by the Parks and Recreation Department in 2008. Therefore, their participation numbers are included in the Parks and Recreation numbers.

- After repeated efforts by staff, numbers for fall baseball have not been received in accordance with the contract.

### **Other Partnerships**

The Parks and Recreation Department through a collaborative effort provide recreation services with the Fayette County Board of Education, private schools and organizations, and neighboring cities for various activities such as tennis, softball, football and lacrosse. We utilize Fayette County Board of Education facilities for volleyball, basketball, cheerleading, and Public Safety Games as needed.

The Parks & Recreation Department continues to host special events and co-sponsor events with other organizations or associations. These events require Parks & Recreation manpower, equipment, facilities and/or supplies. Some of these groups and/or events are listed below

- Public Safety Games
- Train Show
- Disc Golf Tournament
- Association Tournaments
- Movie in the Park
- Special Olympics

### **Facility Reservations and Income**

Kenwood Park, McCurry Park, and Kiwanis Park offer outdoor pavilions for use by the community. To secure these facilities reservations can be made six weeks in advance of the occasion. Participants are required to register at the office, Monday – Friday between the hours of 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. A completed reservation permit is required and all fees paid in full at the time of the reservation.

<b># of Rentals per trimester</b>	<b>Participants</b>	<b>Revenue Earned</b>	<b>Out-of County</b>
39	806	\$1260.50	0
115	4450	\$5619.50	0
57	1735	\$2915.00	615
<b>211</b>	<b>6991</b>	<b>\$9795.00</b>	<b>615</b>

### **Recreation Commission**

The Fayette County Parks and Recreation Commission consists of five members and is appointed by the Fayette County Board of Commission. Each post or at large position is for a period of four years. The commission meets regularly to review policies, procedures, and programs. They welcome community input regarding programs and facilities.

<b>Post I</b>	<b>Charles McCollum</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
<b>Post II</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	
<b>Post III</b>	<b>Ed Quattlebaum</b>	<b>Vice-Chair</b>
<b>At Large</b>	<b>Frank Oakley</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>At Large</b>	<b>Thomas Stephens</b>	



### **2008 Accomplishments**

The team approach for our department was met with our net percentage increase. This year we received the services of volunteers who assist us in photographing the activities in our parks and the department special events. These pictures were used in brochure publications as covers, press releases, web site, and flyers. They have also been used to document vandalism by the public.

**The following awards were received from Georgia Parks and Recreation in 2008.**

District & State Volunteer of the Year		
Reid Stone	Patti Stone	Steve Sattinger

District Distinguished Professional
Anita Godbee

District Administrative Assistant
Debbie Stewart

Georgia Parks and Recreation State Award
TR Most Innovative Program - What's Cooking?

***The following items were accomplished:***

- Developed a Vehicle Usage Policy for staff and users
- Acquired a flickr page that is readily accessible by staff
- Updated instructor pack that contains all requirements of the instructor.
- Developed Standard Operating Procedures for Associations
- Updated NEEDS Assessment
- Created online program evaluation form

### **CIP Accomplishments**

- Constructed Kiwanis Park Restroom Facility
- Replaced three baseball fences at Kiwanis Park
- Replaced irrigation systems on five baseball fields at Kiwanis Park
- Tapped into the City of Fayetteville sewer line on Redwine Road
- Replaced irrigation systems on three softball fields at McCurry Park
- Installed barrier netting at McCurry Park North Soccer field # 7
- Constructed retaining walls at Brooks Park and McCurry Park (softball/football)
- Began upgrade at Brooks Park restroom and concession stand facility
- Began refurbishment of McCurry Park Track

### **Conclusion**

The Fayette County Parks and Recreation Department continues to offer its community recreation opportunities. We strive to improve our services and work cooperatively with other departments, municipalities, schools, and youth athletic associations. We feel that recreation is a fundamental human need essential to the well being of all people and we will continue to provide adequate opportunities in leadership, facilities, and activities in accordance with the interest and abilities of recreation participants.

Our vision is to continue to provide for all people wholesome recreation activities that will offer opportunities for socialization, enjoyment and relaxation. We also believe that other important objectives are to implant desirable habits and attitudes leading to high ideas and good moral conduct; to encourage development of special talents, aptitudes and interests; to promote physical vigor, mental health and emotional balance; and finally build better citizens.